

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): An O/W emulsion semitransparent cosmetic comprising the following components (a)-(d):

- (a) a ceramide,
- (b) an oil component containing a sterol and an isostearic acid,
- (c) a nonionic surfactant, and
- (d) water,

with a mean particle diameter of 100-300 nm.

Claim 2 (Original): The semitransparent cosmetic of claim 1, wherein the nonionic surfactant (c) is a polyoxyethylene hydrogenated castor oil.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The semitransparent cosmetic of claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the mass ratio of the total amount of the ceramide (a) and the oil component (b) to the amount of the nonionic surfactant (c) is 1.2:1 to 3:1.

Claims 4-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The semitransparent cosmetic of ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, wherein the nonionic surfactant (c) is a polyoxyethylene (60) hydrogenated castor oil.

Claim 7 (New): The semitransparent cosmetic of claim 1, wherein the sterol is cholesterol or phytosterol.

Claim 8 (New): The semitransparent cosmetic of claim 2, wherein the sterol is cholesterol or phytosterol.

Claim 9 (New): The semitransparent cosmetic of claim 6, wherein the sterol is cholesterol or phytosterol.

Claim 10 (New): The semitransparent cosmetic of claim 1, wherein the mean particle diameter is 150-250 nm.

Claim 11 (New): The semitransparent cosmetic of claim 2, wherein the mean particle diameter is 150-250 nm.

Claim 12 (New): The semitransparent cosmetic of claim 6, wherein the mean particle diameter is 150-250 nm.

Claim 13 (New): The semitransparent cosmetic of claim 2, wherein the mass ratio of the total amount of the ceramide (a) and the oil component (b) to the amount of the nonionic surfactant (c) is 1.2:1 to 3:1.

Claim 14 (New): The semitransparent cosmetic of claim 1, wherein the amount of nonionic surfactant (c) is 0.004 to 4 wt % of the semitransparent cosmetic.

Claim 15 (New): The semitransparent cosmetic of claim 2, wherein the amount of nonionic surfactant (c) is 0.004 to 4 wt % of the semitransparent cosmetic.

Claim 16 (New): The semitransparent cosmetic of claim 3, wherein the amount of nonionic surfactant (c) is 0.004 to 4 wt % of the semitransparent cosmetic.

Claim 17 (New): The semitransparent cosmetic of claim 13, wherein the amount of nonionic surfactant (c) is 0.004 to 4 wt % of the semitransparent cosmetic.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

The specification has been amended to correct a translation error in translating the original Japanese application into English.

Claims 3 and 6 have been amended to depend on Claim 1.

New Claims 7-17 have been added. Claims 7-9 are supported in the specification at page 3, line 26, as amended herein. Claims 10-12 are supported in the specification at page 5, lines 6-7. Claim 13 claims subject matter deleted from the above-discussed amendment to Claim 3. Claims 14-17 are supported in the specification at page 5, lines 21-22.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. Claims 1-3 and 6-17 are now pending in the application.